

These Sisters serve as educators, spiritual ministers, health care professionals, and administrators. They operate programs for the poor and disenfranchised and continue to search for ways to assist others to grow personally and spiritually.

On July 25, 2010, the Ursuline Sisters' history of ministry and service will be recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky with the placement of a historical marker outside that original location on Chestnut Street. This marker will note the founding and mission of the Ursuline Sisters and inform people of the contributions these Sisters have made to the community.

While the true record of their good deeds will continue to be chronicled in a place not of this Earth, it is entirely appropriate for the Commonwealth to take note of the good work the Ursuline Sisters have done for my hometown. And I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Ursuline Sisters for all their hard work of ministering to mind, body and spirit.

REMEMBERING SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I join with my colleagues today to express my profound and heartfelt sadness on the passing of Senator Robert C. Byrd, as the U.S. Senate, the people of West Virginia, and our entire Nation mourn the loss of a giant of public service—a distinguished, iconic legislator whose life and legacy will forever be synonymous with the greatest deliberative body the world has ever known.

Senator Byrd's counsel, wisdom, and knowledge of the Senate was unmatched and awe-inspiring. As the longest-serving Member of Congress and a former majority and minority leader of the Senate, Senator Byrd was time and again the conscience and champion of Congress and a vigorous and stalwart sentinel of the first branch of our government. Protector, steward, advocate, and guardian these descriptions only begin to convey Senator Byrd's lifelong commitment to the Senate in which he served for a record 51 years and an unprecedented nine terms.

No one fought more to ensure the preservation of the U.S. Senate and its constitutional prerogatives than Senator Byrd. No one was more masterful in comprehending and harnessing the powers of parliamentary procedure in the upper Chamber. No one was fiercer in battling against any encroachments that would dilute or diminish the role of Congress as a coequal branch of government. And no one possessed greater command of Senate history and used it to better effect than Senator Byrd, who himself authored a four-volume history of the Senate.

The same zeal with which Senator Byrd demonstrated his allegiance to the legislative branch was every bit as evident in his unshakable dedication to the U.S. Constitution itself—a pocket-

sized copy of which he carried at all times. In fact, like many of my colleagues, I will never forget as a member of the "Gang of 14," which was forged at a time when the very institution of the Senate was caught in the crosshairs of a struggle over judicial nominations, how each of us received a copy of the Constitution from Senator Byrd. With one symbolic gesture as only he could, Senator Byrd spoke volumes about the historic imperative that was ours to seize if we were to jettison the partisanship that threatened our Chamber.

Senator Byrd's reverence for history stemmed of course from the premium he placed on education, and as much as anyone who ever occupied a seat in the Senate, Senator Byrd exemplified the American story of the self-made individual. During his remarkable trajectory from humble beginnings in the southern coalfields of West Virginia, Senator Byrd was an ardent believer in learning not only as the great equalizer in American life, but as a catalyst for personal and professional success. A self-educated man, Senator Byrd's knowledge of Shakespeare, the Holy Bible, and the pillars of thought from Ancient Greece and Rome formed the basis of an eloquence and service that will reverberate not only in the hallowed Halls of Congress, but also throughout his beloved home State—which he served so passionately—for generations to come.

Indeed, his roots in West Virginia were ever-present and the indispensable lifeblood that spurred him to political and legislative heights that were the capstone of his landmark tenure in public service. Indisputably, he never forgot where he came from, and in fact, always remembered he stood on the shoulders of every West Virginian who sent him back to the U.S. Senate term after term. And as much as Senator Byrd revered Congress, the Constitution, and his fellow West Virginians, nowhere was his devotion greater than with his beloved Erma, his wife of nearly 69 years, and they now are finally together in their eternal resting place.

As a Senator from Maine, it is only fitting that I pay tribute to Senator Byrd by citing the opening lines by the immortal American poet and Son of Maine, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, that I so often heard him quote from memory on the Senate floor . . . "Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State! Sail on, O Union, strong and great! Humanity with all its fears, / With all the hopes of future years . . ." Our Ship of State sails better for Senator Byrd's having lived, served, and led. But today, our Ship of State sails at a slower pace as we pause to pay our respects and mourn the loss of a man whose like we will never see again. The Senate will not be the same without the Senator from West Virginia, Robert C. Byrd.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend

and dear colleague, Senator Robert C. Byrd, who left us on Monday, June 28, 2010 at the age of 92. Senator Byrd was the longest serving member of the Senate. It is noteworthy that he was sworn in as a U.S. Senator on January 3, 1959, the same day Alaska was admitted as the 49th State.

How does one do justice to a life as full, as human, as authentic, as uniquely American as that of Senator Byrd's in just a few minutes? Born in poverty, a self-described foster son of an impoverished coal miner, a product of a two-room schoolhouse, he went on to walk with kings, to meet with prime ministers, and to debate with Presidents. Only in America could one come so far from so little. His is a textbook case of American exceptionalism.

Robert C. Byrd was a man of principle who was unwavering in his priorities. The Lord came first, his family second, and then the business of West Virginia and Nation. Senator Byrd was remarkable in that he could juggle all of these obligations with apparent ease.

He was a man who carried the Constitution in his breast pocket, closest to his heart. A fierce protector of the prerogatives of the Senate, he frequently recalled that the Congress is mentioned in the Constitution before the Executive. He once remarked, "I am not the President's man. I am a Senate man."

So many of our colleagues take delight in this quote from *The Almanac of American Politics* and it bears repeating. The *Almanac* described Senator Byrd as the one among us who "may come closest to the kind of senator the Founding Fathers had in mind than any other."

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, Senator Ted Stevens referred to Senator Byrd as a "symbol of the Senate," adding that, "No man has taught the Senate more than Robert C. Byrd."

Senator Byrd made it his personal responsibility to educate new Senators in the history and traditions of the Senate and to mentor us along. He made a real difference in my orientation to the Senate. His statesmanship was an inspiration to me. It was an inspiration to all of us.

As contentious as our debates may seem, as partisan as we often seem to the American public, the Senate prefers to regard itself as a family. Yes, a family that fights, but a family nonetheless.

Senator Stevens once observed, "As part of the Senate family, Senator Byrd is not only a gentleman, he has been a person who has reached out to us in personal times as well."

I came to know that well after I injured my leg in a skiing accident last year. For a period of time I had to navigate the Senate floor in a wheelchair. The Senate floor is not exactly wheelchair friendly, but Senator Byrd had adapted to the challenge. One day, as we were going to the floor to vote, our wheelchairs met and we reached

out to hold hands as we wheeled our chairs to the well of the Senate.

Like Ted, I loved Robert C. Byrd. Yet I regret that I never had the opportunity to enjoy the close friendship that my colleague Ted Stevens did.

Yes, they had their spats, but Senator Stevens and Senator Byrd regarded each other as family. Senator Stevens' daughter Lily referred to Senator Byrd as an uncle. Senator Byrd published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD excerpts from Lily's senior thesis from Stanford, "The Message of the Dome: The United States Capitol in the Popular Media."

Senator Stevens began working with Senator Byrd in 1968. In 1972, they joined each other on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Both served as President pro tempore of the Senate, a position reserved for the most senior Member of the Senate in the majority party. Yet as Senator Byrd liked to note, Ted was a relative youngster.

Working together on a bipartisan basis, Ted Stevens helped Robert Byrd lift West Virginia out of poverty. And Senator Byrd demonstrated great empathy for Senator Stevens' crusade to end the third-world conditions that plague Alaska's Native people in the more than more than 230 traditional villages of rural Alaska. Like the West Virginia of Robert Byrd's childhood, rural Alaska lacked the sorts of infrastructure that the rest of America takes for granted—lack of road infrastructure, a lack of basic sanitation facilities, unreliable electricity, and unemployment.

This may explain why Senator Byrd was greatly sympathetic to Senator Stevens' crusade to bring indoor plumbing to rural Alaska, to eliminate the honeybucket. Alaska's Denali Commission was modeled closely after the Appalachian Regional Commission, which Senator Byrd championed for decades.

Ted Stevens and Robert Byrd worked together to make things better for the people of rural Alaska. Our Native people deeply appreciate the Alaska legacy of Robert C. Byrd.

On the occasion of Senator Stevens' farewell from the Senate in 2008, a tearful Robert C. Byrd came to the Senate floor and said this "Politics is a rough business, with lots of highs and lots of lows. After a long time in politics, I come to understand that the point of it all is helping people. Thank God we will be judged in the next world by the good we do in this world."

On Monday, our dear friend, Senator Byrd, joined his beloved wife Erma in Heaven, where he will be judged by all of the good he has done for his Lord, his family, the people of West Virginia, and the Nation. I will miss him greatly.

On behalf of Alaska's people, I extend my condolences to Senator Byrd's daughters Mona and Marjorie, his five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, to the people of West Virginia, and to all who knew and loved this great American.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, another 8 months have passed, and more American troops have lost their lives overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. I wish to honor their service and sacrifice by including their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Since I last included the names of our fallen troops on November 2, 2009, the Pentagon has announced the deaths of 313 troops in Iraq and in Operation Enduring Freedom, which includes Afghanistan. They will not be forgotten, and today I submit their names into the RECORD:

SSG Jesse W. Ainsworth, of Dayton, TX; SGT Donald R. Edgerton, of Murphy, NC; SPC Joseph W. Dimock II, of Wildwood, IL; SPC Robert W. Crow, of Kansas City, MO; PFC Anthony W. Simmons, of Tallahassee, FL; PFC Michael S. Pridham, of Louisville, KY; SPC Roger Lee, of Monterey, CA; SSG Marc A. Arizmendez, of Anaheim, CA; SPC Jerod H. Osborne, of Royse City, TX; SPC Keenan A. Cooper, of Wahpeton, ND; PFC Jacob A. Dennis, of Powder Springs, GA; SGT Andrew J. Creighton, of Laurel, DE; SSG Christopher F. Cabacoy, of Virginia Beach, VA; PFC Edwin C. Wood, of Omaha, NE; SGT Jordan E. Tuttle, of West Monroe, LA; PFC David Jefferson, of Philadelphia, PA; SPC Clayton D. McGarrah, of Harrison, AR; SPC Louis R. Fastuca, of West Chester, PA; Capt. David A. Wisniewski, of Menville, IA; PFC Ryan J. Grady, of Bristow, OK.

SGT Johnny W. Lumpkin, of Columbus, GA; SPC Morganne M. McBeth, of Fredericksburg, VA; SFC Kristopher D. Chappleau, of LaGrange, KY; Cpl Larry D. Harris Jr., of Thornton, CO; SPC Matthew R. Hennigan, of Las Vegas, NV; SSG Brandon M. Silk, of Orono, ME; SGT David W. Thomas, of St. Petersburg, FL; SSG Eric B. Shaw, of Exeter, ME; SGT David A. Holmes, of Tennessee, GA; PFC Bryant J. Haynes, of Epps, LA; SGT John M. Rogers, of Scottsdale, AZ; PFC Robert K. L. Repkie, of Knoxville, TN; LCpl William T. Richards, of Trenton, GA; PFC Russell E. Madden, of Dayton, KY; Cpl Daane A. Deboer, of Ludington, MI; SPC Jared C. Plunk, of Stillwater, OK; SPC Blair D. Thompson, of Rome, NY; Sgt Joseph D. Caskey, of Pittsburgh, PA; SSG Edwardo Lored, of Houston, TX; ISG Robert N. Barton, of Roxie, MS.

SPC Russell E. Madden, of Dayton, KY; PFC Anthony T. Justesen, of Wilsonville, OR; Cpl Joshua R. Dumaw, of Spokane Valley, WA; Cpl Kevin A. Cueto, of San Jose, CA; Cpl Claudio Patino IV, of Yorba Linda, CA; SGT Andrew R. Looney, of Owasso, OK; PFC David T. Miller, of Wilton, NY; ISG Eddie Turner, of Fort Belvoir, VA; SPC Jacob P. Dohrenwend, of Milford, OH; LCpl Timothy G. Serwinowski, of North Tonawanda, NY; SPC Scott A. Andrews, of Fall River, MA; SSG James P. Hunter, of South Amherst, OH; PFC Benjamin J. Park, of Fairfax Station, VA; SPC Nathan W. Cox, of Fremont, CA; PFC Gunnar R. Hotchkin, of Naperville, IL; SPC Joseph D. Johnson, of Flint, MI; CPT Michael P. Cassidy, of Simpsonville, SC; SN William Ortega, of Miami, FL; SPC Benjamin D. Osborn, of Queensbury, NY; LCpl Michael C. Bailey, of Park Hills, MO.

Cpl Jeffrey R. Standfest, of St. Clair, MI; SPC Blaine E. Redding, of Plattsmouth, NE; SPC Charles S. Jirtle, of Lawton, OK; SPC Matthew R. Catlett, of Houston, TX; SGT Joshua A. Lukeala, of Yigo, GU; SPC Christopher W. Opat, of Spencer, IA; SPC Brian M. Anderson, of Harrisonburg, VA; SGT Mario Rodriguez, of Smithville, TX; SPC Christian

M. Adams, of Sierra Vista, AZ; CPL William C. Yauch, of Batesville, AR; SGT Israel P. Obryan, of Newbern, TN; SSG Bryan A. Hoover, of West Elizabeth, PA; SFC Robert J. Fike, of Conneautville, PA; LCpl Gavin R. Brummund, of Arnold, CA; LCpl Michael G. Plank, of Cameron Mills, NY; SrA Benjamin D. White, of Erwin, TN; SSgt David C. Smith, of Eight Mile, AL; 1st Lt. Joel C. Gentz, of Grass Lake, MI; SSgt Michael P. Flores, of San Antonio, TX; SGT Erick J. Klusacek, of Calcium, NY.

Sgt Zachary J. Walters, of Palm Coast, FL; Sgt Derek L. Shanfield, of Hastings, PA; SGT Steve M. Theobald, of Goose Creek, SC; SPC Brendan P. Neenan, of Enterprise, AL; Sgt John K. Rankel, of Speedway, IN; 2LT Michael E. McGahan, of Orlando, FL; Cpl Donald M. Marler, of St. Louis, MO; LCpl Derek Hernandez, of Edinburg, TX; Sgt Brandon C. Bury, of Kingwood, TX; 1LT Joseph J. Theinert, of Sag Harbor, NY; PVT Francisco J. Guardado-Ramirez, of Sunland Park, NM; SPC Jonathan K. Peney, of Marietta, GA; PFC Alvaro R. Regalado Sessarego, of Virginia Beach, VA; PFC Jake W. Suter, of Los Angeles, CA; LCpl Anthony A. Dilisio, of Macomb, MI; Cpl Jacob C. Leicht, of College Station, TX; SGT Edwin Rivera, of Waterford, CT; MAJ Ronald W. Culver Jr., of Shreveport, LA; PFC Christopher R. Barton, of Concord, NC; SSG Amilcar H. Gonzalez, of Miami, FL.

SPC Stanley J. Sokolowski III, of Ocean, NJ; PFC Jason D. Fingar, of Columbia, MO; LCpl Philip P. Clark, of Gainesville, FL; PFC Billy G. Anderson, of Alexandria, TN; SSG Shane S. Barnard, of Desmet, SD; LCpl Patrick Xavier Jr., of Pembroke Pines, FL; SPC Joshua A. Tomlinson, of Dubberly, LA; SSgt Richard J. Tieman, of Waynesboro, PA; LTC Thomas P. Belkofer, of Perrysburg, OH; LTC Paul R. Bartz, of Waterloo, WI; COL John M. McHugh, of West Caldwell, NJ; SSgt Adam L. Perkins, of Antelope, CA; Cpl Nicholas D. Paradarodriguez, of Stafford, VA; PO3 Zarian Wood, of Houston, TX; SGT Denis D. Kisseloff, of Saint Charles, MO; Sgt Joshua D. Desforges, of Ludlow, MA; Sgt Donald J. Lamar II, of Fredericksburg, VA; SGT Kenneth B. May, Jr., of Kilgore, TX; Cpl Jeffrey W. Johnson, of Tomball, TX; SPC Jeremy L. Brown, of McMinnville, TN.

Cpl Kurt S. Shea, of Frederick, MD; CPT Kyle A. Comfort, of Jacksonville, AL; LCpl Christopher Rangel, of San Antonio, TX; LCpl Joshua M. Davis, of Perry, IA; SSG Esau S.A. Gonzales, of White Deer, TX; LCpl Richard R. Penny, of Fayetteville, AK; SPC Wade A. Slack, of Waterville, ME; SPC Eric M. Finniginam, of Colonia, FM; 1st Lt. Brandon A. Barrett, of Marion, IN; MSG Mark W. Coleman, of Centerville, WA; SGT Ralph Mena, of Hutchinson, KS; A1C Austin H. Gates Benson, of Hellertown, PA; SGT Anthony O. Magee, of Hattiesburg, MS; 1LT Salvatore S. Corma, of Wenonah, NJ; SGT Nathan P. Kennedy, of Clayville, PA; SGT Keith A. Coe, of Auburndale, FL; SGT Grant A. Wichmann, of Golden, CO; LCpl Thomas E. Rivers, Jr., of Birmingham, AL; SGT Jason A. Santora, of Farmingville, NY; SGT Ronald A. Kubik, of Brielle, NJ.

SSG Christopher D. Worrrell, of Virginia Beach, VA; CSM John K. Laborde, of Waterloo, IA; SGT Robert J. Barrett, of Fall River, MA; PFC Charlie C. Antonio, of Kahului, HI; SSG James R. Patton, of Fort Benning, GA; SGT Michael K. Ingram, Jr., of Monroe, MI; SGT Randolph A. Sigley, of Richmond, KY; PFC Jonathon D. Hall, of Chattanooga, TN; CPL Michael D. Jankiewicz, of Ramsey, NJ; SPC Joseph T. Caron, of Tacoma, WA; SGT Sean M. Durkin, of Aurora, CO; SGT Roberto E. Diaz Borio, of San Juan, PR; PFC William A. Blount, of Petal, MS; 1LT Robert W. Collins, of Tyrone, GA; SMSgt James B. Lackey, of Green Cove Springs, FL; Maj. Randell